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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

A presentation of all of the pending claims with their current status indicated follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A razor handle assembly comprising:

a first handle section having a first body portion;

a second handle section having a second body portion, said first and second body portions being mirror images of one another;

attachment means for coupling said first and second handle sections together, so that said first and second handle sections cooperate to form a closed end and an open end generally opposite said closed end;

a head assembly interposed between said first and second body ~~sections~~ portions at said open end, said head assembly defining means for releasably retaining a razor cartridge thereon; and

a core interposed between said first and second body ~~sections~~ portions, said core having an end adjacent said closed end;

wherein said first and second handle sections, an end of said core, and an end of said head assembly cooperate to define an aperture.

2. (Currently Amended) A razor handle assembly as defined by claim 1 wherein:

said attachment means includes at least one stud projecting outwardly from one of said first and second handle ~~portions~~ sections, and at least one aperture in the other of said first and second handle ~~portions~~ sections, said aperture being adapted to receive an end of said stud; and

fastening means for securing said end of said stud in a respective one of said apertures.

3. (Currently Amended) A razor handle as defined by claim 2 wherein:

said at least one stud includes three studs each spaced away from the next successive stud and projecting outwardly from one of said first and second handle ~~portions~~ sections; and

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said at least one aperture includes at least three apertures each adapted to receive an end of one of said studs.

4. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 2 wherein said fastening means includes a rivet.

5. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 2 wherein said fastening means includes an adhesive.

6. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 1 wherein said first and second handle sections are formed from metal.

7. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 6 wherein said first and second handle sections are formed from die cast metal.

8. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 3 wherein one of said studs extends through said head assembly and another of said studs extends through said core.

9. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 1 wherein said core is formed from an elastomeric polymer.

10. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 1 wherein said core includes a first core section coupled to a second core section.

11. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 1 further comprising a pair of side inserts, one coupled to each of said first and second razor sections, said side inserts being positioned generally opposite one another.

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12. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 11 wherein:  
each of said side inserts defines at least one projection extending outwardly from an inner surface of said side insert; and  
wherein each of said projections is frictionally receivable in a complementarily shaped aperture defined by each of said first and second handle sections.

13. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 12 wherein each of said side inserts is formed from an elastomeric polymer.

14. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 1 wherein:  
said head assembly defines a pair of generally opposed bosses projecting outwardly from side surfaces thereof; and  
wherein each of said handle sections includes a mating recess for receiving one of said bosses.

15. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 11 wherein each of said side inserts defines a plurality of raised portions for improving a user's grip on said razor handle.

16. (Original) A razor handle as defined by claim 1 wherein said core defines a pair of generally opposed, exposed gripping surfaces extending between said first and second handle sections.

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Currently Amended) A razor handle comprising:  
a first metallic handle portion having a first body section;  
a second metallic handle portion having a second body section, said first and second body sections being mirror images of one another;

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said first handle ~~section~~ portion being coupled to and cooperating with said second handle ~~section~~ portion to form a closed end and a generally opposite open end;

an elastomeric plastic core positioned between said first and second handle ~~sections~~ portions and having generally opposed, exposed gripping surfaces, said core having an end located adjacent to said closed end; and

a head assembly interposed between said first and second body sections at said open end, said head assembly defining means for releasably retaining a razor cartridge;

wherein said first and second handle portions, an end of said core, and an end of said head assembly cooperate to define an aperture.

19. (Currently Amended) A razor handle as defined by claim 18 further comprising a pair of elastomeric side inserts each coupled to one of said first and second handle ~~sections~~ portions, each of said side inserts defining an exposed outer surface approximately perpendicular to said exposed gripping surfaces defined by said core.

20. (Cancelled).